

Senate Resolution 431

By: Senators James of the 35th and Karinshak of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

1 Creating the Senate Reducing Waste in Health Care Study Committee; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, hospitals are under continuous pressure to cut costs, reduce expenditures, and
4 provide efficient and better services; and

5 WHEREAS, investigating the effectiveness of the current financial management and
6 information systems in hospitals, and whether hospital management can extract timely,
7 accurate, and reliable information from these systems, can provide for more informed
8 decision making; and

9 WHEREAS, in addressing internal financial waste, there is a critical need to improve the
10 financial management systems in hospitals; and

11 WHEREAS, cost accounting, information technology, and state regulations can be used to
12 build accounting systems and financial management efficiency in hospitals; and

13 WHEREAS, study is needed on reducing waste in health care so as to identify these cost
14 efficiencies.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

16 (1) **Creation of Senate study committee.** There is created the Senate Reducing Waste
17 in Health Care Study Committee.

18 (2) **Members and officers.** The committee shall be composed of five members of the
19 Senate to be appointed by the President of the Senate. The President shall designate a
20 member of the committee as chairperson of the committee.

21 (3) **Powers and duties.** The committee shall undertake a study of the conditions, needs,
22 issues, and problems mentioned above or related thereto and recommend any action or
23 legislation which the committee deems necessary or appropriate.

(4) **Meetings.** The chairperson shall call all meetings of the committee. The committee may conduct such meetings at such places and at such times as it may deem necessary or convenient to enable it to exercise fully and effectively its powers, perform its duties, and accomplish the objectives and purposes of this resolution.

(5) **Allowances and funding.**

(A) The legislative members of the committee shall receive the allowances provided for in Code Section 28-1-8 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

(B) The allowances authorized by this resolution shall not be received by any member of the committee for more than five days unless additional days are authorized. Funds necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution shall come from funds appropriated to the Senate.

(6) **Report.**

(A) In the event the committee adopts any specific findings or recommendations that include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file a report of the same prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(B) In the event the committee adopts a report that does not include suggestions for proposed legislation, the chairperson shall file the report, subject to subparagraph (C) of this paragraph.

(C) No report shall be filed unless the same has been approved prior to the date of abolishment specified in this resolution by majority vote of a quorum of the committee. A report so approved shall be signed by the chairperson of the committee and filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

(D) In the absence of an approved report, the chairperson may file with the Secretary of the Senate a copy of the minutes of the meetings of the committee in lieu thereof.

(7) **Abolishment.** The committee shall stand abolished on December 1, 2019.